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# Jesus Dies on the Cross

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Jesus and two criminals were led outside of Jerusalem to be put to death. When the soldiers came to the place called “The Skull,” they nailed Jesus to a cross. They also nailed the two criminals to crosses, one on each side of Jesus.

Jesus said, “Father, forgive these people! They don’t know what they’re doing.”

Around noon the sky turned dark and stayed that way until the middle of the afternoon. The sun stopped shining. Jesus shouted, “Father, I put myself in your hands!” Then he died.

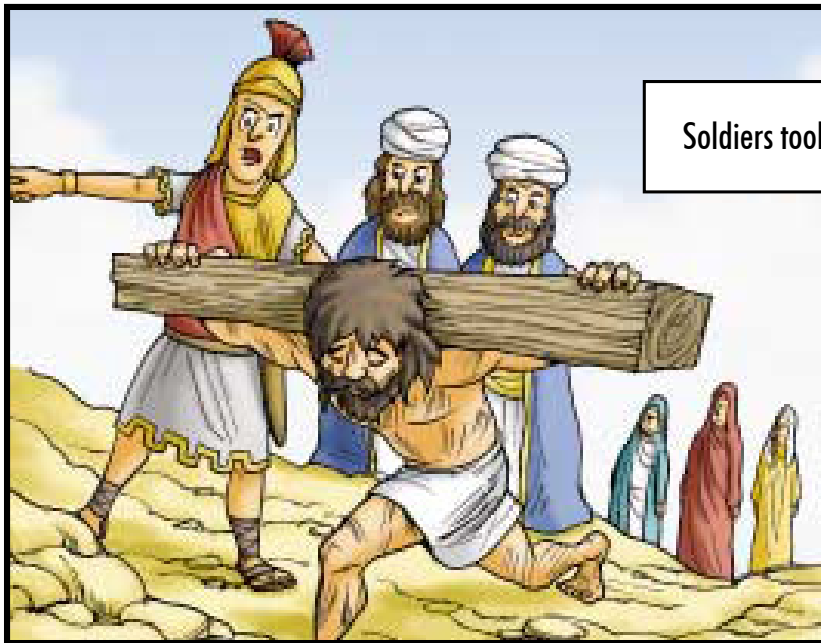
When a Roman officer who was there saw what had happened, he praised God and said, “Jesus must really have been a good man!”

A crowd had gathered to see the terrible sight. Then after they had seen it, they felt brokenhearted and went home. All of Jesus’ close friends and the women who had come with him from Galilee stood at a distance and watched.

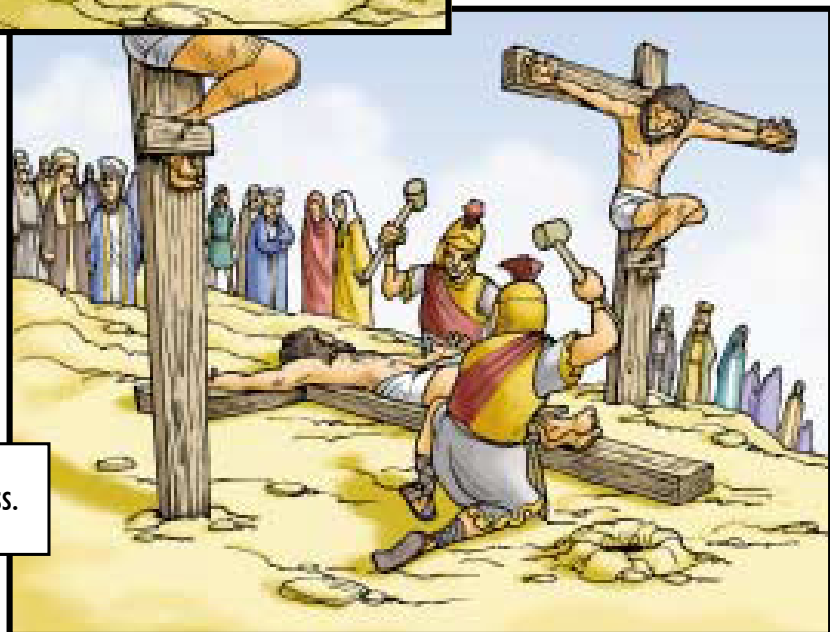
*Based on Luke 23.32-34, 44-49*

**KEY VERSE Luke 23.34**

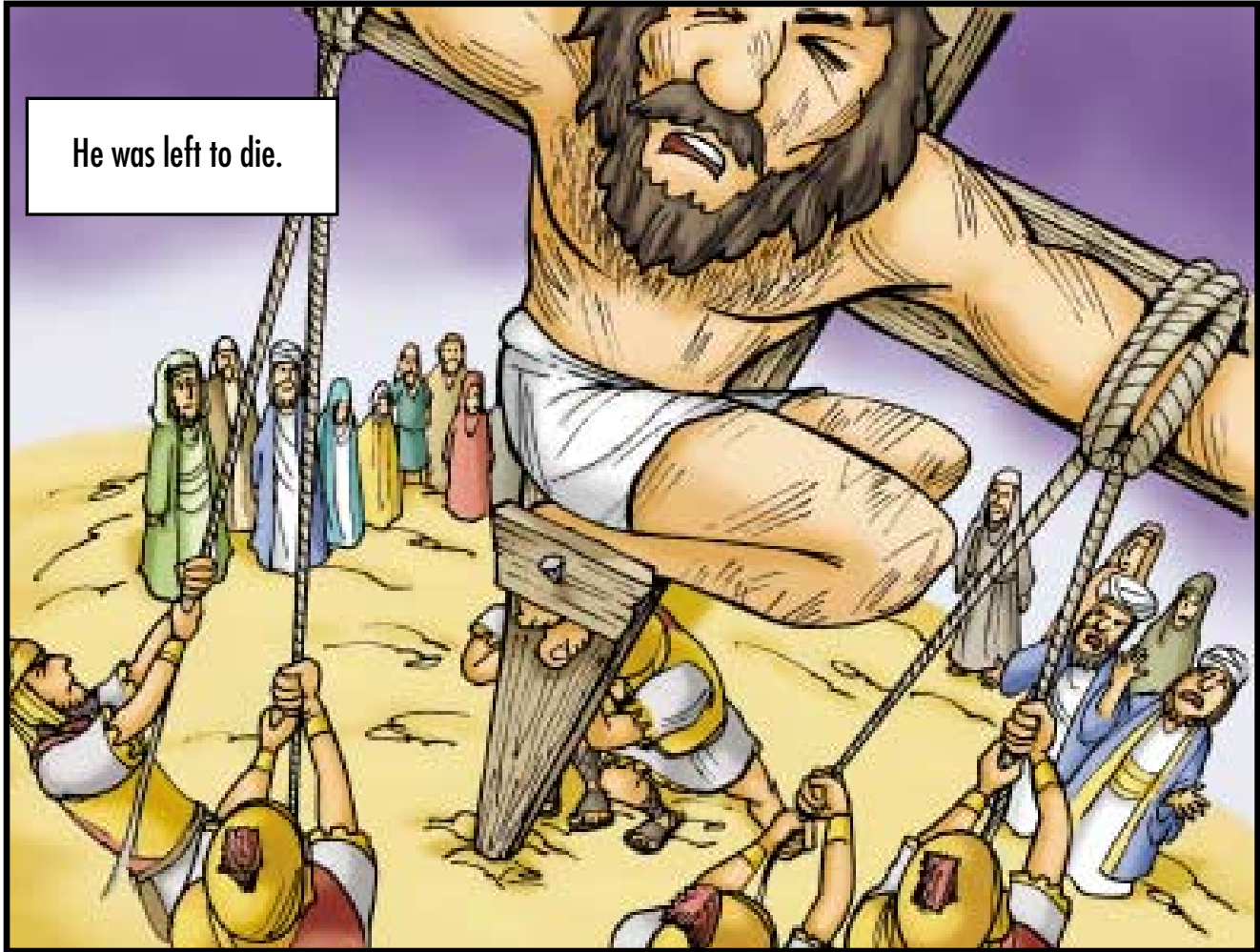
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Soldiers took Jesus to a hill.



They nailed Jesus to a cross.

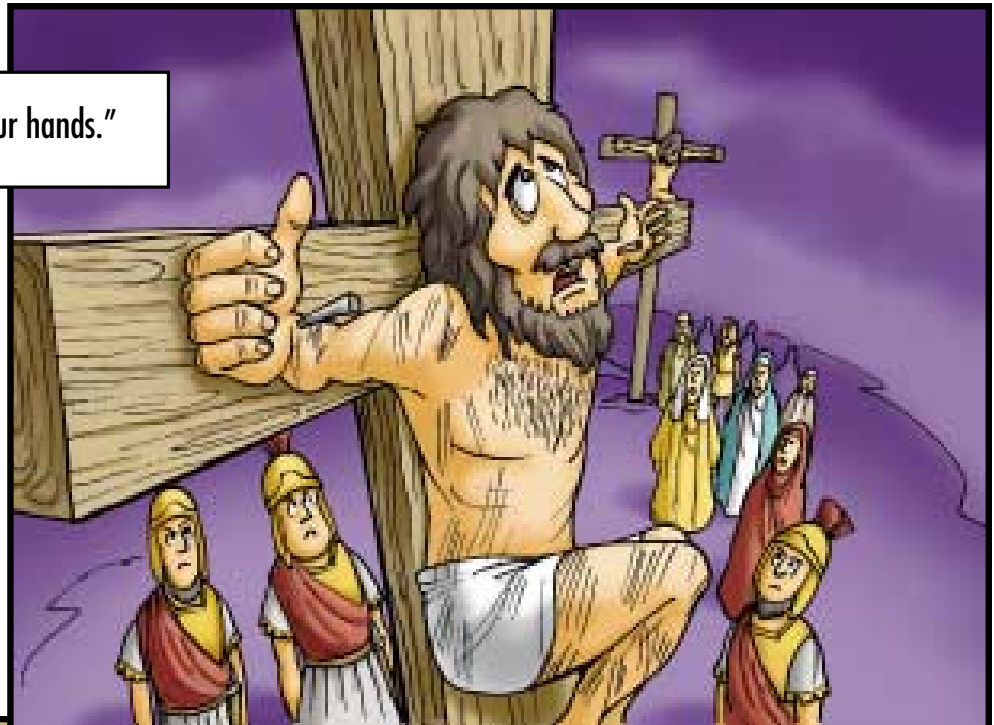


He was left to die.

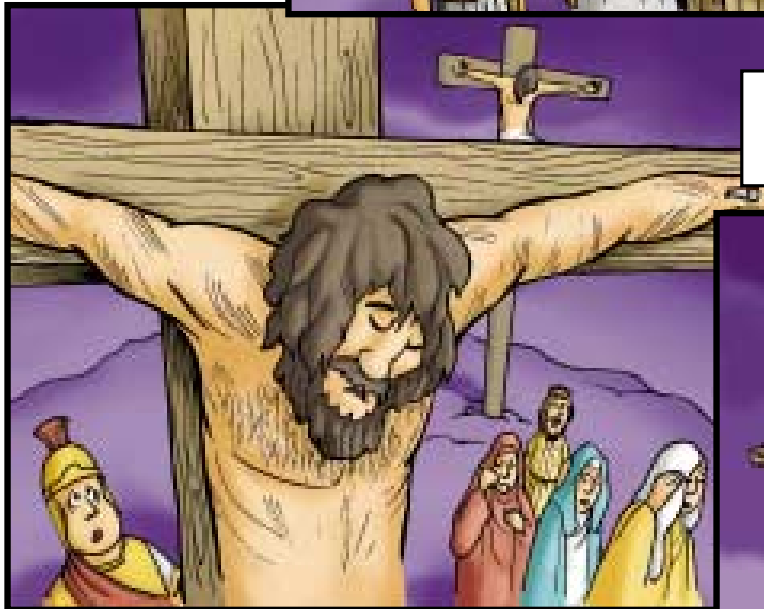


"Please forgive these people  
for what they are doing."

"I put myself in your hands."



Then Jesus died.



The crowd was very sad.

